GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1033
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2006
NATIONAL REGISTER OF CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government had sanctioned a sum of Rs. 2 crore for upgradation and up-dating of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the North Eastern States;

(b) If so, the details of the NRC scheme and its objective;

(c) Whether Government has received any representations from Members of Parliament voicing the demand in the North Eastern Region, to upgrade and update the National Register of Citizens of 1951 (NRC);

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The steps taken for updating the NRC and the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) : All Assam Students Union is demanding upgradation and updating of the National Register of Citizens, 1951 in Assam on the basis of Electoral Rolls, 1971. The Government has agreed to provide necessary support to the Government of Assam. Towards this end in addition to Rs.1.02 crore provided in 2005-06, further sum of Rs.2 crore has been committed for upgradation and updating of National Register of Citizens

(NRC) in the State of Assam.

(c) & (d): Government had received a communication from one Member of Parliament seeking status note on updating and upgradation of NRC in Assam. The information was provided to the Member of Parliament.

(e):The Government of Assam has reported that it has set up a separate Directorate for updation of NRC and has accordingly engaged manpower for this purpose. The preliminary works for updating the NRC has been started. Scanning of all available electoral rolls upto 1971 is in progress and the same is being carried out in the district headquarters of the 23 districts of the State.